

In the Claims:

I claim:

1. (Original) A cushion for domestic pets comprising:
 - (a) A padding layer of slow recovery visco-elastic foam;
 - (b) a supporting padding layer of a stabilizing material which supports the visco-elastic foam and provides additional cushioning, adjacent to said cushion of slow recovery visco-elastic foam;
 - (c) a protective liner of a waterproof, breathable, flexible material, enclosing both the said padding material of visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding material;
 - (d) a washable fabric cover totally enclosing said padding material of slow recovery visco-elastic foam, said supporting padding material, and said protective liner.
2. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein the supporting padding layer is comprised of a textile-based material.
3. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein the supporting padding layer is comprised of a foam material.
4. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein the supporting padding layer is comprised of a rubber material.
5. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a hydrophilic laminate.
6. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a hydrophilic coating.
7. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a microporous laminate.
8. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a microporous coating.
9. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a bi-component laminate.

10. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a bi-component coating.
11. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material comprises a material fabricated from a microfiber of a sufficiently close weave to be waterproof and breathable.
12. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is comprised of a material fabricated with a monolithic membrane.
13. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner material is naturally oleophobic, anti-dust mite, anti-odor, anti-bacterial, anti-stain, and anti-static.
14. (Original) The cushion as recited in Claim 1, wherein said outer fabric cover has a releasable closure so that said fabric cover may be removed from the said padding of slow recovery visco-elastic foam, said padding of stabilizing support material, and said protective liner, for washing.
15. (Original) The cushion as recited in Claim 1, wherein said out fabric cover is comprised of a top surface, a bottom surface, and peripheral side walls disposed between said top and bottom surfaces.

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (currently amended) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said waterproof, breathable, and flexible protective liner is sealed closed around said padding layer of slow-recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding layer in such a close-fitting and tight manner that the protective liner does not allow for the inner padding layers, of said slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting stabilizing material to shift or move about within the said protective liner.

Please amend Claim 17 as follows:

17. (currently amended) The cushion as recited in claim 1 wherein said cushion has numerous overall geometric shape possibilities, as in having a generally square shape, as

in having a generally round shape, as in having a generally rectangular shape, as in having a generally semi-circle, as in having a generally triangular, or as in having a generally pie-shaped shape.

18. (Original) The cushion as recited in claim 1, wherein said cushion may be used by a domestic pet or human.

19. (Original) An orthopedic cushion for a pet comprising:

- (a) A padding layer of slow recovery visco-elastic foam;
- (b) A supporting padding layer of a stabilizing material which supports the visco-elastic foam and provides additional cushioning, adjacent to said cushion of slow recovery visco-elastic foam;
- (c) a protective liner of waterproof, breathable, and flexible moisture-vapor- transmission (MVT) membrane material enclosing both said padding materials of slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding material, and having capability to prevent liquid from reaching said slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding layers;
- (d) A washable, removable fabric cover, with a releasable closure, totally enclosing said padding material layers of slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding material, and said protective liner.

Please correct Claims 22-25 as follows:

These claims should be dependent of claim 19 and not claim 18. For examining purpose, the Examiner should consider these claims to be dependent of claim 19. The applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for pointing out this error.

20. (Corrected) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in claim 19, wherein said protective liner of breathable, waterproof, MVT material comprises a close-weave fabric of a sufficiently close weave to be waterproof and breathable.

21. (Corrected) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in claim 19, wherein said breathable, waterproof, flexible, and MVT membrane material of the protective liner is naturally oleophobic, anti-dust mite, anti-odor, anti-bacterial, anti-stain, and anti-static.

22. (Corrected) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in Claim 19, wherein said outer fabric cover is comprised of a top surface, a bottom surface, and peripheral side walls disposed between said top and bottom surfaces.

23 (Corrected) The orthopedic pet cushion as recited in claim 19, wherein said protective liner of flexible, breathable, waterproof, MVT membrane material is sealed closed, by a method such as but not limited to sewing, gluing, or thermal bonding, around said padding layer of slow-recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding layer, in such a close-fitting and tight manner that the protective liner does not allow for the padding layers, of said slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting padding, to shift or move about within the said protective liner.

Please amend Claim 24 as follows:

24. (currently amended) The cushion as recited in claim 19 wherein said cushion has numerous overall geometric shape possibilities, as in having a generally square shape, as in having a generally round shape, as in having a generally rectangular shape, as in having a generally semi-circular shape, as in having a generally triangular shape, or as in having a generally pie-shaped shape.

25. (Corrected) The orthopedic pet as recited in claim 19 wherein said cushion may be used by domestic pets or humans.

Please add Claim 26 as follows:

26.. (New) Orthopedic memory foam pet cushion, the pet cushion relieves painful arthritic joints, sore muscles and hip dysplasia of older animals and provides preventative care for younger animals, the orthopedic memory foam pet cushion comprising:

- (a) A padding layer of slow recovery visco-elastic foam;
- (b) a supporting layer, said supporting layer received under said padding layer of slow recovery visco-elastic foam for providing additional cushioning thereunder;
- (c) a protective liner of a waterproof, breathable, flexible material, said liner enclosing said padding layer of slow recovery visco-elastic foam and said supporting layer; and
- (d) a washable fabric cover, said washable fabric cover enclosing said padding layer of slow recovery visco-elastic foam, said supporting layer, and said protective liner.